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ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN, AUDITORS, TREASURER,
AND
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF WINDHAM,
FOR THE
Financial Year Ending March 1st, 1867.

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REPORT.

MONEY RECEIVED AND HIRED by the Selectmen to pay Notes, Interest, &c..

1866.	DR.
March 19, received an order on town treasurer,	\$950 77
cash on hand,	259 12
April 4, received of David Crowell,	600 00
A. A. Morrison, highway surveyor,	8 00
May, received State note,	1,500 00
State interest,	120 00
May 30, Dr. D. O. Smith,	300 00
Order on town treasurer,	800 00
Aug. 29, received of John Hills,	450 00
Sept 7, " Eunice Harris,	175 00
13, " John G. Bradford,	200 00
Nov. 21, " Harriet Dinsmore,	270 00
Dec. 3, " Benj. O. Simpson, agent of District No. 2,	100 00
Dec. 20, received of David Crowell,	350 00
State aid of State treasurer,	175 73
*U. S. bounties refunded by State treasurer.	240 00
Feb. 23 1867, received of Harriet Dinsmoor,	100 00
	<hr/> \$6,598 62

MONEY PAID BY THE SELECTMEN.

1866.	CR.
Paid Samuel Campbell's note,	\$100 00
" " interest,	14 72
John A. M. Johnson's note,	200 00
" " interest,	4 00
Dr. B. F. Simpson's note,	3,000 00
" " interest,	88 34
On Nancy Taylor's notes,	200 00
Nancy Taylor, interest,	84 00
Thomas A. Rowell, note,	400 00
" " interest,	63 60
Frederic J. Hughes, note,	250 00
" " interest,	21 75
Robert Armstrong, note,	100 00
" " interest,	11 30

*This being all the town will receive of the \$2,160 U. S. government bounties due the town as per last year's report.

Paid Samuel Campbell, note,	165 00
" " interest,	17 75
On T. Ellenwood's note,	200 00
Hiram S. Reynold's note,	675 00
" " " "	200 00
Interest on 2 notes,	75 77
" on outstanding notes,	676 40
Referees on Kelley's case,	2 50
	<hr/> \$6,550 13

Leaving in the Selectmen's hands, \$48 49

MONEY paid into Town Treas. by Collectors,—State, County, &c.

Cash in Treasury,	\$456 51	DR.
Received from J. W. Dinsmoor, collector, 1863,	28 00	
Rei Illi ls, collector, 1864,	68 25	
" " " 1865,	3,220 10	
M. B. Kimball, collector, 1866,	864 00	
Of Dist. No. 6, for assessing and		
collecting school house tax in 1866,	4 57	
Received of State treasurer, R. R. tax, 1866,	343 64	
State, tax from savings bank,	47 18	
State, literary money, 1866,	30 15	
County for support of county paupers,	334 42	
	<hr/> \$5,396 82	

PAID FOR EDUCATION.

CR

School district No. 1,	\$109 95
" " 2,	122 57
" " 3,	96 82
" " 4,	50 00
" " 5,	79 94
" " 6,	83 44
" " 7,	49 14
	<hr/> \$591 86
R. J. Hopkins' place for 1866,	\$3 26
Due No. 5 for literary money, 1866,	4 03
" 7 " " 1866,	2 56
	<hr/> \$9 85

PAID FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES.

F. A. Marden, repairing bridge,	\$ 94
Simon Wilson, 2 stringers for bridge,	2 00
J. E. Armstrong, 298 ft. plank,	5 21
Olin Parker, repairing highway,	6 75
James Armstrong, stringers,	2 30
Luther Campbell, stringers for bridge,	8 25
Daniel Wyman, timbers for bridge,	1 50
James Emerson, 233 ft. plank,	4 66
J. P. Crowell, lumber and labor repairing bridge	
in 1864, near H. C. Crowell's,	1 33

R. P. Morrison, lumber for bridge in 1866,	5 48	
C. W. Campbell, lumber and labor in 1866,	18 53	
Rei Hills, lumber and labor in rebuilding bridge near F. A. Marden's, 1866,	154 76	
Gilman D. Whitaker, damage for laying out high- way across his land,	75 00	
		<hr/> \$286 71

PAID FOR SNOW PATHS.

CR.

I. W. Haselton,	\$61 83	Robert Armstrong,	8 16
W. C. Hughes,	3 83	Horace Berry,	12 83
B. O. Simpson, 1865,	2 12	Isaiah Dinsmoor,	57 33
" " 1866,	38 33	R. P. Morrison,	17 07
J. A. Nesmith,	9 00	Wm. A. Dinsmoor,	27 00
S. W. Simpson,	18 33	Wm. Butterworth,	9 50
Benj. F. Wilson, 2d.,	20 69	Abram Woodbury,	28 50
J. L. Hardy,	9 00	H. S. Reynolds,	28 67
C. W. Campbell,	44 67	Moses Whitaker,	47 66
David Anderson,	5 14	Daniel Kelley,	13 99
B. E. Blanchard,	37 76	Wm. D. White,	42 33
Wm. H. Armstrong,	16 00		
			<hr/> \$559 74

PAID NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY RECEIPTS.

M. B. Kimball, collector, 1866,	\$33 30	
Rei Hills, " 1864-5,	4 15	\$37 45

PAID FOR ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

CR.

J. W. Dinsmoor, collector, 1863,	\$15 03	
I. P. Cochran, " 1864,	2 82	
Rei Hills, " 1864-5,	16 14	
M. B. Kimball, " 1866,	22 51	
Emery Parker, " 1866,	11 41	
John Hills,	5 93	
Rei Hills, collector for 1865, it being for dog taxes,	5 00	\$78 84

PAID TOWN OFFICERS.

Rei Hills, balance for services as selectman, 1865,	\$12 25	
Samuel Campbell, selectman, 1865,	8 75	
John A. Moor, " 1865,	8 50	
Rei Hill, " 1866,	64 00	
" use of horse and wagon,	12 25	
Hiram S. Reynolds, selectman, 1866,	41 45	
F. A. Marden, selectman, 1866,	47 25	
Wm. C. Harris, treasurer and moderator,	12 00	
R. P. Morrison, town clerk and auditor, 1866,	25 00	
" " auditor for 1865,	6 00	
Wm. D. Cochran, auditor, 1865-6,	9 00	
M. B. Kimball, collector, 1866,	68 44	
Benj. E. Blanchard, Superintending School Com.,	31 00	\$345 89

MISCELLANEOUS.

Cr.

Paid Wm. Buck, expenses to Portsmouth, 1864,	\$4 30	
Benj. Blanchard for 2½ pews in old meeting house. Nos. 3 and 31 and ½ of No. 7,	1 25	
W. A. Dinsmoor, use pub. water'g trough, '65-6,	4 00	
Rei Hills, use of public watering trough,	3 00	
" " cash paid for expenses out of town,		
order book , postage, stationery, &c.,	21 27	
F. A. Marden, cash paid for expenses out of town, order book, postage, &c.,	27 93	
B. B. & P. Whittimore, print. town report, 1865,	32 50	
Ebenezer Lewis, taking care of town and hearse house, &c.,	6 21	
School district No. 1, an allowance for taking a new invoice in said district in fall of 1863, thus saving the town taking it in the spring of 1864, as per vote,	18 00	
T. Dinsmoor and L. A. Morrision, damage done to sheep by dogs,	10 00	\$128 46

PAID FOR MEDICAL ATTENDANCE.

Paid Dr. D. O. Smith, attendance on Asa Butrick, at almshouse,	\$3 50	
Dr. W. J. Campbell, attend. on S. Blaisdell,	1 00	
Dr. Geo. H. Greene, at almshouse,	2 35	\$6 85

SUPPLIES FURNISHED COUNTY POOR NOT AT ALMS-
HOUSE.

Cr.

Paid R. P. Morrison, wood for Whitney family,	\$2 50	
G. W. Weston, groceries " "	94	
Joseph Clyde, wood and potatoes " "	5 65	
J. A. Nesmith, wood, 1865, Whitney family,	4 00	
J. C. Armstrong, " 1866, " "	2 50	
Francis Bartley, supplies " "	2 07	
F. A. Marden, " " "	7 07	
Moses Davis, coffin, robe, cravat and collar for Mr. Whitney,	8 00	
Dr. George H. Green,	20 00	\$52 73

AID FURNISHED INDIGENT FAMILIES.

Paid Stephen D. Crowell, aid furnished the Jameson family,	\$28 97	
Mrs. M. Wilson,	5 00	
James Nichols, boarding S. A. Nichols, Oct. 15-24,	3 35	
N. H. Insane Asylum for S. A. Nichols,	60 96	\$98 28

ALMSHOUSE.

Cr.

Paid H. S. Reynolds, 1 year's salary ending March 28, 1866,	250 00	
J. G. Bradford for supplies,	40 00	
James A. Foster, 1 cow,	37 00	\$327 00
Paid 2 orders to selectmen to pay town notes and interest,	—	1,750 77
The above payments amounting to		\$4,264 58
\$4,264 58 from \$5,396 82, the amount received, leaving in treasury,		\$1,132 24
Amount of taxes assessed,		\$5,475 40
State tax,	\$2,100 00	
County tax,	633 68	
School house tax, District No. 6,	156 19	2,889 87
Belonging to the treasury,		\$2,585 53

NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN.

Date of note.	July 3, John Hills,	50 00
1863.	3, J. Crowell's heirs,	150 00
Jan. 29, Sam'l Campbell	14, T. A. Rowell,	
\$225 00	Salem. N. H.,	1,000 00
Feb. 24, Sally Caldwell,	100 00	
24, Sally Carr,	100 00	
1864.	July 14, Jacob Rowell,	
Feb. 26, Sally Carr.	Salem, N. H.,	1,000 00
100 00	Sept. 6, J. Crowell's heirs,	400 00
26, John Hills,	82 00	
29, H. J. Davidson,	44 00	
Oct. 23, David Crowell,	100 00	
July 11, J. Crowell's heirs,	300 00	
Nov. 22, Helen F. Knight,	semi annual,	400 00
Aug. 22, Saria Armstrong,	400 00	
23, Zelpna Ellenwood,	200 00	
26, H. J. Davidson,	50 00	
Dec. 19, Wm. Taylor,	1,200 00	
Sept. 17, Thos. Ellenwood,	300 00	
1866.		
17, Thos. Ellenwood,	100 00	
Mar. 1, Eliza Hills,	1,078 00	
17, Zelpha Ellenwood,	200 00	
1, Clarissa Hills,	703 00	
22, Silas Armstrong,	800 00	
Apr. 14, David Crowell,	600 00	
Oct. 20, Sally Carr,	80 00	
May 30, Dr. D. O. Smith,	300 00	
21, Sally Caldwell,	50 00	
Aug. 29, John Hills,	450 00	
22, John Hills,	100 00	
Sept. 7, Eunice Harris,	175 00	
28, Jerusha Kelley,	300 00	
13, John G. Bradford,	200 00	
31, Wm. C. Harris,	155 00	
Nov. 1, Harriet Dinsmoor,	270 00	
Nov. 21, N. A. Randlett,	1,000 00	
Dec. 3, B. O. Simpson, agt.		
23, N. A. Randlett,	200 00	
for Dist. No. 2,	100 00	
29 F. D. Anderson,	200 00	
Dec. 3, Thos. Nesmith,	5,000 00	
20, David Crowell,	350 00	
29, F. D. Anderson,	100 00	
1867.		
Jan. 1, W. C. Harris, agt.	114 40	
Feb. 23, Harriet Dinsmoor,	100 00	
1865.		
Amount,		\$18,926 40
Interest on the above,		\$1,083 20

RECAPITULATION.

DR.

Amount of money received to pay notes and interest, by Selectmen,	6,598 62
	CR.
Amount paid,	6,550 13
In hands of Selectmen,	<u>\$48 49</u>

AMOUNT PAID TO THE TREASURER.

DR.

By State, County, Collectors', &c.,	\$5,396 82
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PAID.

CR.

For Education,	591 86
Roads and bridges,	286 71
Snow paths,	559 74
Non-resident highway receipts,	37 45
Abatement of taxes,	78 84
Town Officers,	345 89
Miscellaneous,	128 46
Medical attendance at almshouse,	6 85
Supplies for county poor not at almshouse,	
and medical attendance,	52 73
Aid furnished indigent families,	98 28
Alms house,	327 00
Paid notes and interest by order,	1750 77--4264 58
Cash in hands of treasurer,	<u>\$1132 24</u>

Appraisal of Personal Property made at the Almshouse, Feb. 27, 1867, by the selectmen.

4½ tons english hay, a \$20.	\$95 00
3½ " meadow " a \$10.	35 00
Lot corn fodder and straw,	10 00
1 horse, \$70 ; 1 pair oxen, \$200,	270 00
3 cows, \$120 ; 1 cow, 20.	140 00
11 sheep, 45. ; 2 shoats, 28.	73 00
1 hay cutter, 6 ; 13 hens, 6.50	12 50
26 bush. oats, 18.20 ; 4 do. beans, 10.	28 20
14 " corn, 19.60 ; meal, 2.50	22 10
¾ bbl. flour,	9 50
3 shovels, hoes, and 2 manure forks,	5 50
1 hay rack, horse rake and haying tools,	18 50
1 harness and bells,	10 00
1 ox yoke, muzzle and horse fetters,	4 50
4 plows, harrow and cultivator,	12,00
4 draft chains, 2 ring chains, iron bar, whiffle tree and chain,	5 00
1 ox cart and sled,	20 00
1 horse wagon and sleigh,	20 00

5 axes, beetle, 4 wedges and grindstone,	5 50
carpenters' tools and wood saw,	12 00
1 steel trap; 1 wheelbarrow,	2 25
1 lot lumber,	10 00
1 stove furniture,	9 00
450 lbs. pork,	75 00
100 " beef, a 12 cts.	12 00
40 " tallow and candles,	6 50
36 " butter, 42 cts.,	15 12
7½ " sausages 16½ cts.,	1 25
100 bushels potatoes,	50 00
1 lot onions,	1 00
2 stone pots,	1 50
75 lbs. lard, 16 cts.,	12 00
28 " fresh beef, 10 cts.,	2 80
7 meat and cider bbls,	4 25
wash tub and churn,	1 50
soap and bbl.,	2 00
vinegar and bbl.,	75
molasses and keg,	1 30
salt, tea, coffee and sugar,	1 95
silver spoons and spectacles,	3 50
stocking yarn,	4 00
baskets and measures,	1 25
beds and bedding,	70 00
house hold furniture,	32 00
1 bread pan, 23 milk pans, 2 pails and cream pots,	8 50
1 lantern and matches,	2 25
1 clothes wringer,	9 50
1 farm wagon,	34 00
100 lbs., shorts,	1 80
	<hr/> \$1,185 27

REI HILLS,	} Selectmen of Windham.
H. S. REYNOLDS,	
F. A. MARDEN,	

ALMSHOUSE BALANCE SHEET.

Feb. 22, 1866.

	DR.	
Personal property at Almshouse,	1,209 85	
To amount drawn from treasury,	77 00	
One year's salary of Superintendent,	250 00	
Bills paid by Superintendent,	588 84	\$2,125 69
Outstanding bills and note,	88 66	
Cash in Superintendent's hands,	46 95	\$135 61
		<hr/> 2,261 30
	CR.	
By sundries sold by Superintendent,	329 76	
Received for labor done off the farm,	94 14	

Received for support of county poor,	334 42	
Due from county,	126 61	
Personal property at almshouse Feb. 27, 1867,	1,185 27	
	<hr/>	\$2,070 20
Outstanding bills,	51 14	
Cash in Superintendent's hands,	33 29	\$84 43
	<hr/>	2,154 63
Balance against the town,		<hr/> \$106 67

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer respectfully submits the following report for the fiscal year ending March 1st, 1867 :

Balance in the treasury March 1st, 1866, as per report of last year, \$456 51

Money received during the year as follows :

From State Treasurer, literary money,	30 15
" " " savings bank tax dividend,	47 18
" " " railroad tax,	343 64
From County Treasurer, for support of paupers,	334 42
" J. W. Dinsmore, Collector for 1863,	28 00
" R. Hills, Coll. for 1864, balance of tax and interest,	68 25
" " " 1865,	3,220 10
" M. B. Kimball, Coll. for 1866,	864 00
" School District No. 6 for assessing and collecting school house tax in the year 1866,	4 57
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Amounting to \$5,396 82

Payments :

The Treasurer has paid 109 orders, amounting to

	\$4,264 58
Money in treasury March 1, 1867,	1,132 24
	<hr/> \$5,396 82

Standing of the Treasury :

Due from Collector for 1863,	25 00
" " 1865,	700 00
" " 1866,	1,721 53
Money in Treasury,	1,132 24
	<hr/> \$3,578 77
Two orders unpaid,	22 00
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Balance in favor of treasury	\$3,556 77

The dog tax collected in the years 1863, '4, '5
and '6 amounts to 150
Paid for sheep destroyed by dogs 10

Amount unexpended \$140 00

Which sum is included in the money now in the treasury.

WILLIAM C. HARRIS, Treasurer.

WINDHAM, March 5th, 1867.

The undersigned Auditors have examined the above accounts,
and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM D. COCHRAN, } Auditors.
ROBERT P. MORRISON, }

BALANCE SHEET. DR.

Amount of notes against the town \$18,926 40
Interest on the above 1,083 20
Outstanding orders and estimated bills, 140 00
Literary money due district No. 5, \$4 03, and
No. 7, \$2 56, 6 59
Hopkins place, being the town money for that
place, 3 26

\$20,159 45

CR.

By unsettled taxes, \$2,446 53
" cash in treasury 1,132 24
" " selectmen's hands, 48 49
Due from County, 126 61

\$3,753 87

Debt of the town March 1st, 1867, \$16,405 58

This does not include the Government bounties
reported due last year, \$1,920 00

Also less than reported in regard to state
aid, 178 00

And not allowed by state, 14 67

Also less interest on state note than reported, 5 00

\$2,117 67

Respectfully submitted.

REI HILLS, } Selectmen
H. S. REYNOLDS, } of
F. A. MARDEN, } Windham.

WINDHAM, March 5th, 1867.

The undersigned Auditors have examined the above accounts, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM D. COCHRAN, }
ROBERT P. MORRISON, } Auditors.

WAR ITEMS.

List of men furnished by the town of Windham, and bounties paid.

No. 1.			
No. of men.	Paid		
5 three months men,	\$27 00 each	Horace W. Hunt,	200 00
Walter Burnham,	27 00	Seth N. Huntley,	200 00
Asa Bean,	27 00	John W. Hall,	200 00
Seth N. Huntley,	27 00	David B. Fessenden,	200 00
Wm. Wyman,	27 00	M. B. Kimball,	200 00
Moses Wyman,	27 00	Wm. H. McCennihe,	200 00
		Reu'r O. Philips,	200 00
		James S. Stephens,	200 00
	\$135 00		\$2,600 00
No. 2.		No. 4.	
James G. Batchelder,		14 nine months men.	
Jesse Crowell,		Carl Albert,	\$1,20 00
Theodore Clark,		Joseph G. Ayers,	200 00
Joseph R. Everett,*		James Baker,	200 00
Albion K. Goodwin,*		James Brown,	200 00
Horatio Gleason,		C. H. Batchelder,	120 00
John C. Hills,		George W. Durant,	200 00
Sam'l Haseltine,		Severe L. Duplissis,	200 00
John G. Johnson,*		Albert Fletcher,	200 00
Lemuel Marden,		Chas. E. Hanscom,	200 00
Moses Myrick,		George A. Jackson,	120 00
Louis McConihe,		Joseph F. Mugot,	200 00
Lewis Ripley,*		Elixis Marcotte,	200 00
James C. Stone,		Trueworthy Norris,	200 00
Caleb G. Wiley,*		Ephraim Plimpton,	200 00
Moses Wyman,			
The above persons enlisted			\$2,560 00
without bounty.			
*Reinlisted.			
No. 3.		No. 5.	
13 volunteers,	\$200 00 each	8 drafted men, 7 of them sent	
Wm. Anderson,	200 00	substitutes.	
J. G. Bradford,	200 00	Wm. H. Armstong,	\$275 00
Asa Bean,	200 00	John S. Brown,	275 00
Geo. W. Colburn,	200 00	Stephen D. Crowell,	275 00
Henry W. Chellis,	200 00	Wentworth S. Cowan,	
		went to the army,	
		Edwin O. Dinsmoor,	275 00

Augustus Emerson,	275 00	Oliver Burns,	175 00
Levi Woodbury,	275 00	James Murphy,	175 00
Ambrose Richardson,	275 00	Rusest W. Powell,	175 00
		Jasques Dreux,	175 00
	<u>\$2,200 00</u>	James Brown,	175 00
No. 6.		Charles Cole,	175 00
10 volunteers,	Paid	Frederick Otis,	175 00
Thomas Crook,	\$175 00		
Patrick Hannan,	175 00		<u>\$1,750 00</u>
Bernard McCam,	175 00		

Town advanced the government bounty of \$300 each
on these except Fred. Otis, \$2,700 00
Of the above we have received \$798 00

No. 7.		Henry Clark, 3 years,	300 00
Reenlisted 5 men, \$200 00 each		Geo. Copp, "	300 00
Caleb G. Wiley,	200 00	B. O. Simpson, 1 "	100 00
John G. Johnson,	200 00	T. W. Simpson, 3 "	300 00
Albion K. Goodwin,	200 00	A. Woodbury, "	300 00
Joseph R. Everett,	200 00	E. N. Stickney, "	300 00
Lewis Ripley,	200 00	W. A. Dinsmore, "	300 00
		I. Dinsmoor, "	300 00
	<u>\$1,000 00</u>	L. A. Morrison, "	300 00
No. 8.		H. B. Johnson, "	300 00

Citizen volunteers,
Jesse C. Crowell, 1 year, \$600 00
Charles Fregan, " 600 00
George W. Carr, " 600 00
Whiting R. Richardson, " 600 00
Gilman Jaquith, 3 years, 1,000 00
James Jones, " 1,000 00
Harvey Hancock, 300 00
\$4,700 00

		Amount,	\$3,100 00
			<u>\$18,135 00</u>
No. 10.			
Recruiting and contin-			
gent expenses in ob-			
taining the above,			543 23
			<u>\$18,678 23</u>
Government bounties			
assumed by the town			
not received,			1,920 00

No. 9.			
The following persons put in		Amount,	\$20,598 23
substitutes :		Bounties paid by indi-	
W. P. Simpson, for		viduals,	5,235 00
3 years, paid	\$300 00		

The above war items may not be exact in all respects, but are as nearly so as our time and data would allow.

Respectfully submitted.

REI HILLS, } Selectmen
H. S. REYNOLDS, } of
F. A. MARDEN, } Windham.

SCHOOL REPORT.

"The child is the father of the man."

In a few years the children of this town will guide its affairs. The common school places upon them its stamp for good or evil ; hence the great interest which should be felt in their success. The School Committee employed by the town to have special charge of this department respectfully submits the following Report.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Summer term, taught by Miss Arminta D. Richardson, of Salem. This teacher was well qualified for her task. Her methods of instruction and discipline were very fine ; the school when visited was in good order, the scholars placing entire confidence in their teacher, seemed to have no business before them but their legitimate work. And as a result, the closing examination was very satisfactory,

Winter term, taught by Miss Mary E. Dana, of Londonderry. Miss Dana had had years of experience in the school room, combining method with thoroughness. Being anxious to the degree known only to a faithful teacher ; she labored diligently and successfully, though by far too large a percentage of the benefit to have been derived was neutralized by a want of co-operation on the part of some of the scholars, while others seemed bent on mischief ; such things should be nipped in the bud. With pleasure, however, we noticed a portion of the school that did credit to themselves and their teacher by diligence and good behavior.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Summer term, taught by Miss Mary A. Parker, of Manchester. Miss Parker is too well known as a teacher in District No. 2, to need any commendation here ; suffice it to say, at each visit of the Committee the scholars were quiet and studious, and the closing examination gave ample proof that her former reputation as a teacher was well sustained.

Winter term, taught by Mr. Wm. W. Roller, of Gowanda, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y. Mr. Roller came not without experience

as a teacher, although never before having charge of a district school. Yet, at each visit there was noticed a judicious and careful arrangement of the different exercises. Each recitation had its allotted time, by which method the teacher was enabled to examine the different classes thoroughly without being in a hurry; consequently progress was the order of the day. The examination was conducted according to his own peculiar style, which if not so showy, displayed the true standing of the scholars. The exercises were interspersed with declamations, and closed with the reading of a paper that would have given credit to children of maturer years.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Summer and Winter terms taught by Miss Clara B. Jaquith of this town. This was Miss Jaquith's first attempt at school teaching, and it was attended with a *good degree* of success, especially in the Winter term. It requires in a young teacher a mind of no ordinary strength and vivacity to enter the school room, and so divide the time as to "render to each, from the youngest to the most advanced, his portion in due season," leaving no cause for complaint. Out of 24 the whole number of scholars reported in the winter term, only 11 made their appearance on the afternoon of examination. Why is this? Parents of District No. 3, by all means see that your scholars are punctual, or with no teacher, however efficient, will they make good progress.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Summer term, taught by Miss Fannie M. Webster, of Derry. This teacher brought to her aid a good degree of experience, which is a fine acquisition for a teacher of our youth, for it is immortal minds with which they deal, and all being creatures of imitation, we very much need a sure guide. The government was mild, yet proper order was maintained; the different classes showed evidence of good culture, but the reading even at the close of the school was too rapid; a fault in this school needing much to be corrected. Eleven scholars are reported as not having whispered during the term; this is worthy of note.

Winter term, taught by Miss Cinderella Merrill, of Laconia. It may be truly said that Miss Merrill is a stirring teacher; ever on the alert, she labors much, mentally and physically; perhaps too much; a teacher may be over-ambitious and do the work of the scholar, thereby causing the mind of the pupil to grow weak and sickly. Some scholars will get more good by studying a whole week on one problem, than, by the aid of the teacher, to solve the same in an hour. The classes in Arithmetic and Geography sustained their parts very well. Writing books were not

shown; hence we cannot judge. Reading classes, instead of speaking slowly and distinctly, seemed to follow the law of accelerated motion; so much so, that while the scholars were in their seats, half audible voices were heard, much to the annoyance of visitors. The register however speaks well for the school and the district; the average attendance being only one less than the whole number reported.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Summer term, taught by Miss Martha Hills. Miss Hills is one of our own teachers—keenly alive to the responsibility of the hour, and quick to make improvement of every passing event, or word of suggestion; which, combined with a careful study of human nature, are qualities found only in a first-class teacher. The discipline was such that while it secured obedience, it won the affection of all; consequently everything moved on harmoniously and successfully to the close of the term.

Winter term, taught by Emily J. Marshall of Londonderry. Miss Marshall is young, with but little experience as a teacher, yet active, with a correct idea of what constitutes a good school. Where the scholars are few and small it requires more tact to awaken an interest, and that she was fully aware of the fact, the lessons in oral instruction furnished abundant proof. We were pleased also to notice the correctness with which texts of scripture were recited by some of the smaller classes, and also the names of the books in the Old and New Testaments, together with the number of chapters in each; such information cannot be too highly valued.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Summer term, taught by Georgiana V. Senter of Nashua. Miss Senter commenced at the foundation, worked thoroughly up, making herself a very useful teacher. Strict attention was paid to reading in all its lights and shades. The different classes appeared finely. It was pleasing to hear the scholars, when asked to perform some difficult task, say "I'll try."

The Winter term was under the instruction of the same experienced and popular teacher as the Summer. Her tact, energy and success throughout both terms were worthy of note, and it is a pleasing fact that her labors were appreciated by the district. Her school was always cheerful, yet in excellent order; she was thorough in her mode of teaching, and her pupils were inspired with a love of learning. The examination was well attended, and conducted with spirit and fairness; the scholars gave evidence of thorough training, and the term closed with general satisfaction.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Summer and Winter terms combined. Taught by Miss Clara Bartley of this town. This teacher, though young, was amply qualified, and commenced with a determination to accomplish much for her pupils. She labored faithfully to the close, and with good success. The school was much larger than usual, and composed of a variety of characters, rendering it difficult to govern, yet with patient continuance in well doing, she succeeded in composing the raging elements, so that at the close the goodly number of visitors present were able to witness the happy fruits of her faithful labors among them.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The committee would remind the parents [and if they would properly consider, a hint is all that is needed,] that a teacher's success depends much upon them. He is the Joshua—they are Aarons and Hurs. Unless they stay up his hands, the Amalek of misrule prevails. Visit the school, give encouragement by your presence, for thereby you not only cheer the teacher, whose labors are not always the most pleasant, but show to the scholars that you have an interest in their welfare; in short, that the *common school* is not beneath your notice.

Take nothing from hearsay; give not too much credit to what the children say of the teacher's course. They are quite apt to be mistaken. A teacher is liable to be called *partial* because he does not treat all children just alike. Now it is impossible to apply the same rule to every child.

A bright scholar will get more out of a teacher than a dull one in spite of every endeavor to the contrary; this is as it should be. "The gods help those who help themselves!" The complaint of partiality invariably comes from the idle and ill behaved. Parents then, who would exert a happy influence on the schools, should in every proper way encourage love and respect for the teacher.

Again; parents should secure the *punctual* and *prompt* attendance of their children at school; a large percentage of the money expended for schools, is by some families lost by non-attendance. But to see that the children are at school is not enough; they should not be suffered to carry their pockets full of knives and other trinkets, or any commodity whatever to traffic in, for if trade is uppermost in the mind there is no room for intellectual pursuits.

TEACHERS.—In employing teachers, those should be secured who, other qualifications being equal, shall make the best moral impression. Children are placed under their care with the minds in the most ductile-forming state. On such minds the teacher daily stamps his character; who, if not he, should be pure in

principle and life. It is quite a responsibility to teach a "common district school."

REGISTERS.—It may not be improper to drop a remark here in regard to keeping the registers. If the teachers will please fill them out in full, at least, as far as the law requires, it will save the committee much time and perplexity.

And in filling them out look well to your *orthography*; a word to the wise is sufficient.

MAPS.—There remain now but two school rooms in town destitute of a full set of outline maps, [Dist. Nos. 6 and 7,] and we hope this destitution will not *long* continue. Two sets have been purchased during the past year, and presented to Nos. 3 and 5, by Mrs. Eliza Hills. Will the donor through this medium please accept the *thanks* of the *District*. It is truly the result of a noble thought; it is not merely for to-day but for all coming time. Every scholar who attends school may receive benefit from them so long as they remain properly cared for. We hope others may be stimulated to do a like service to posterity.

SINGING.—While singing ought not to have undue prominence, it should have a place in every school. Not only is it a relief from study and the monotony of recitations, but the general influence is happy on the mind and heart. We are pleased to note attention to it in some of the schools the past year. We trust it will soon become as common, as much expected, as exercises in reading and spelling.

CONCLUSION.

In closing this report, we would urge *each citizen* to take large and generous views on this whole subject. Drops make up the ocean; the town is a part of the nation. Let it contribute its share to the nation's greatness. Every wise and good man sent forth is a public benefaction. Every dollar expended for the benefit of common schools is a *national* gift.

Shall we content ourselves with being as far below other towns in our proportion of well disciplined young men as we are in our school appropriations? If so, emigration will doubtless increase, for as are the schools, so in the main will be the children.

We commend them to the watchful care of Him without whose favor all effort will be in vain, but who never blesses those who do not try to bless themselves.

B. EDWIN BLANCHARD,

Superintending School Committee.

Windham, N. H., March 1st, 1867.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

Number of District.		Prudential Committee.		Summer, { Whole No. scholars attending school.		Summer, { Average Attendance.		Summer, { Length of school in weeks.		Summer, { No. of scholars not absent or tardy.		Summer, { Wages teachers per mo. including board.		Summer, { No. visits by citizens.		Summer, { Instances of tardiness.		Amount of Money.	
1	Horace W. Hunt,	28	40	25-85	35	8	8	13	5	\$25	\$26	12	52	11	54	109	95		
2	James Emerson,	26	34	22-4	26-8	11	9	6	2	25	45	30	50	30	70	122	57		
3	Wm. H. Armstrong,	20	24	18	18	10	8	6	2	18	20	19	10	40	57	96	82		
4	Daniel D. H. Burns.	23	28	21-5	27	12	15	7	6	24	28	55	36	4	25	50	—		
5	James Parker,	14	11	13	9-13	8	7	3	4	18	21	27	16	5	3	72	38		
6	M. B. Kimball,	24	29	22	27	10	8	6	5	26	31	37	19	7	14	83	44		
7	B. F. Wilson, 2nd,	24		18-8		12½		1		16		42		32		51	70		
	Hopkins Farm.															3	26		

Income from literary fund applied to schools,

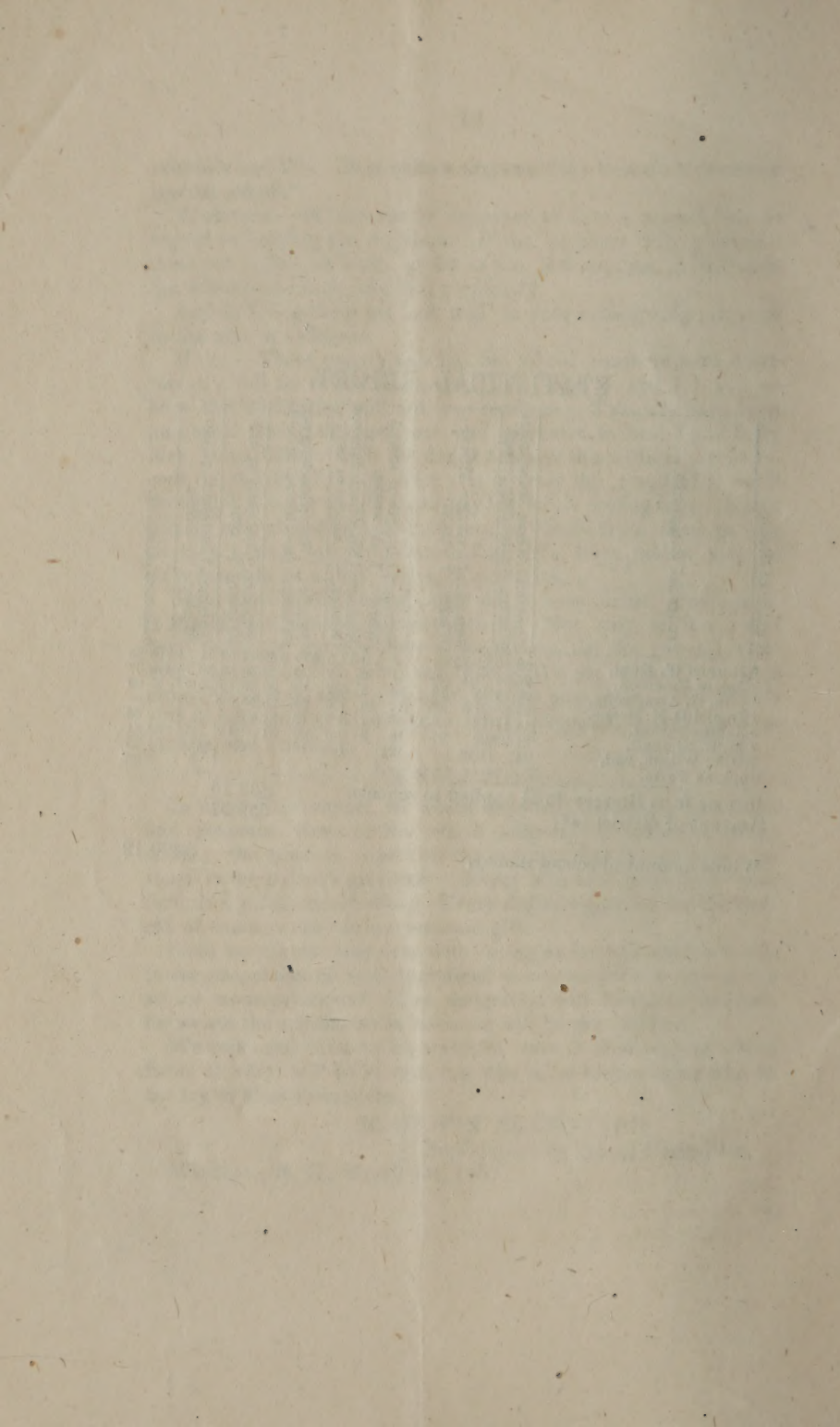
\$30 15

Amount of district tax,

559 97

Whole amount of school money,

\$590 12



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